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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/26/2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 July 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 07/09/2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The instant application having Application No. 10/501,082 has a total of 27 claims pending in the application; there are 9 independent claims and 18 dependent claims, all of which are ready for examination by the examiner.

Oath/Declaration

2. The applicant's oath/declaration has been reviewed by the examiner and is found to conform to the requirements prescribed in **37 C.F.R. 1.63**.

Priority

3. As required by **M.P.E.P. 201.14(c)**, acknowledgement is made of applicant's claim for priority based on applications filed on November 26, 2002 (JAPAN 2002-342440)

Information Disclosure Statement

4. As required by **M.P.E.P. 609(C)**, the applicant's submissions of the Information Disclosure Statements dated 07/09/2004, are acknowledged by the examiner and the cited references have been considered in the examination of the claims now pending. As required by **M.P.E.P. 609 C (2)**, a copy of the PTOL-1449 initialed and dated by the examiner is attached to the instant office action.

Objections

Title

5. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Specification

6. The disclosure is objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. Applicant is required to delete the embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code on pages 34 and 46. See MPEP § 608.01.

Drawings

7. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, data units and data processing between users must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement-drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate

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changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the examiner does not accept the changes, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The drawings are objected to because the unlabeled rectangular box(es) shown in the drawings (figures 1, 5, 7, 15, and 16) should be provided with descriptive text labels. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement-drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner,

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the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claims

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

8. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claim(s) 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 -13, 15, 17, 19, 21 – 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Miyoshi et al. Pub. No. (US. 2003/0179861 A1).

As per claim 1, Miyoshi et al. teaches an information processing apparatus as a recording command apparatus (recording command operating unit, [0027]) for transmitting a data recording processing request (recording unit request command [0029]) 0 to nodes connected to a network (connected to network to carry out communication [0006]), characterized by comprising: a rule deciding condition setting unit (judgment unit to control changeover data [0051]) for setting data for determining (predetermined compression processing [0033]) whether processing according to the processing request is to be executed (processing

executed, FIG.5 [0046]) in a node that receives the data recording processing request (data recording unit [0032]); a packet generating unit (data generating unit [0052]) for storing data for determination (temporarily data sorting [0054]) set by the rule deciding condition setting unit (judgment unit to control changeover data [0051]), and for generating a data recording processing request packet (data generating unit [0048]) that stores data (data stored data recording [0050]) for recording processing (See FIG. 5); and a network interface unit (network interface unit [0024]) for transmitting the packets generated (data generating unit [0052]) by the packet generating unit (See FIG. 5).

As per claim 3, Miyoshi et al. teaches the information processing apparatus according to claim 1 (recording command operating unit, [0027]), characterized by further comprising: a data processing unit (a control and timer processing unit for carrying out code executing [0022]) for executing FEC encoding processing and interleave processing for data for recording processing (See Abstract, FIG. 5); and said packet generating unit (data generating unit [0052]) is configured to execute generation processing of a packet (processing executed, FIG.5 [0046]) in which data processed by the data processing unit is set as a payload (payload for data size indication, respective FIGs [0072]).

As per claim 5, Miyoshi et al. teaches an information processing apparatus as a reproducing command apparatus (reproducing command operating unit,

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[0027]) for transmitting a data reproducing processing request (reproducing unit request command [0029] to nodes connected to a network (connected to network to carry out communication [0006]), characterized by comprising:

a rule deciding condition setting unit (judgment unit to control changeover data [0051]) for setting data for determining (predetermined compression processing [0033]) whether processing according to the processing request is to be executed (processing executed, FIG.5 [0046]) in a node that receives the data reproducing processing request (data reproducing unit [0032]);

a packet generating unit (data generating unit [0052]) for storing data for determination (temporarily data sorting [0054]) set by the rule deciding condition setting unit (judgment unit to control changeover data [0051]), and for generating a data reproducing processing request packet (data generating unit [0048]) that stores data for reproducing processing (data stored data reproducing [0050], FIG. 5); and

a network interface unit (network interface unit [0024]) for transmitting the packets generated by the packet generating unit (data generating unit [0052]).

As per claim 7, Miyoshi et al. teaches the information processing apparatus according to claim 5 (recording command operating unit, [0027]), characterized by further comprising: a data recovery processing unit (data storage and buffer units to recover data [0048]) for executing de-interleave processing and FEC decoding processing (code transactions and synchronization [0086]), wherein; said data recovery processing unit executes

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the de-interleave processing and the FEC decoding processing for data for reproducing processing (a control and timer processing unit for carrying out code executing [0022]) extracted from a packet received from a node that receives the data reproducing processing request (reproducing processing request that start commands to record and reproduce [0029]), and recovers the data (data reproducing unit [0032]).

As per claim 9, Miyoshi et al. teaches an information processing apparatus characterized by comprising: a data reception unit (data reception and transmission between units [0037]); a rule decision processing unit (judgment unit to control changeover data [0051]) for determining whether data processing based on a data processing request received via the data reception unit is to be executed (reproducing processing request that start commands to record and reproduce [0029]); and a data processing unit for executing data processing based on the determination of the rule decision processing unit, wherein; the rule decision processing unit is configured to execute determination processing for determining whether or not the processing according to the processing request(See FIG. 2) is to be executed based on data for determination (predetermined operation is carried out in the message for user assistance [0050]) included in the data processing request received via the data reception unit (reception of device I/O control [0022]).

As per claim 10, Miyoshi et al. teaches the information processing apparatus according to claim 9 (data reception and transmission between units [0037], and a judgment unit to control changeover data [0051]), characterized in that: said data for determination is a probability value as a rule deciding condition descriptor included in a data processing request (request packet or code line for description and designation of computers [0077], [0081], [0082]); and said rule decision processing unit is configured to determine whether or not the processing according to a processing request (See FIG. 2) is to be executed in accordance with the probability value (operation execution application [0056]).

As per claim 11, Miyoshi et al. teaches the information processing apparatus according to claim 9 (data reception and transmission between units [0037], and a judgment unit to control changeover data [0051]), characterized in that: said data for determination is a probability value as a rule deciding condition descriptor included in a data processing request (request packet or code line for description and designation of computers [0077], [0081], [0082]); and said rule decision processing unit (a control and timer processing unit for carrying out code executing [0022]) is configured to execute random number generation processing, and to execute determining processing for determining whether or not the processing according (See FIG. 2) to a processing request is to be executed (operation execution application [0056]) according to a result of comparison between a generated random number (channel number and number generating [0077], [0079], [0087], [0088]) and the probability value (See FIG. 9).

As per claim 12, Miyoshi et al. teaches the information processing apparatus according to claim 9 (data reception and transmission between units [0037], and a judgment unit to control changeover data [0051]), characterized in that: said data for determination is data processing request storing data included in a data processing request (request packet or code line for description and designation of computers [0077], [0081], [0082]); and said rule decision processing unit (judgment unit to control changeover data [0051]), is configured to perform hash value calculation processing (See FIG. 10) based on the data processing request storing data, and to execute determining processing (processing executed, FIG.5 [0046]) for determining whether or not the processing according to a processing request is to be executed (operation execution application [0056]) according to a result of comparison (comparator for comparing values [0048], [0053], [0055], [0075]) between a calculated hash value and a setting value set in its own apparatus in advance (See FIG. 8).

As per claim 13, Miyoshi et al. teaches a data recording processing method (recording command operating unit, [0027], and compare and swap method for writing or recording and reproducing data [0079]) for transmitting a data recording processing request (recording unit request command [0029]) to a plurality of nodes connected to a network (connected to network to carry out communication [0006]), and for executing distributed data recording processing for the plurality of nodes (See FIG.3), characterized by comprising: a rule deciding condition setting step (the transmitting method includes steps for data

detection [0007]) for setting data for determining whether the processing according to the processing request is to be executed in a node that receives the data recording processing request (recording unit request command [0029]); a packet generating step (data generating unit [0052]) storing data for determination (temporarily data sorting [0054]) set by the rule deciding condition setting step, and for generating a data recording processing request packet that stores the data (data stored data recording [0050]) for recording processing (See FIG. 5); and a packet transmitting step for transmitting the packets generated (data generating unit [0052]) by the packet generating step.

As per claim 15, Miyoshi et al. teaches the data recording processing method according to claim 13 (recording command operating unit, [0027], and compare and swap method for writing or recording and reproducing data [0079]), characterized in that: said data recording processing method (compare and swap method for writing or recording and reproducing data [0079], [0080]) further comprises a data processing unit (a control and timer processing unit for carrying out code executing [0022]) for executing FEC encoding processing and interleave processing (See Abstract, FIG. 5); for data for recording processing (recording unit request command [0029]); and said packet generating step (data generating unit [0052]) executes generation processing of a packet in which data processed by the data processing step is set as a payload (payload for data size indication, respective FIGs [0072]).

As per claim 17, Miyoshi et al. teaches a data reproducing processing method for transmitting a data (data transmitting method [0001]) reproducing processing request (reproducing unit request command [0029]) to nodes connected to a network (connected to network to carry out communication [0006]), and for executing data reproducing processing based on return data, characterized by comprising: a rule deciding condition (judgment unit to control changeover data [0051]) setting step for setting data for determining whether the processing according to the processing request is to be executed (processing executed, FIG.5 [0046]) in a node that receives the data reproducing processing request (data reproducing unit [0032]); a packet generating step (data generating unit [0052]) for storing the data for determination set by the rule deciding condition setting step (judgment unit to control changeover data [0051]), and for generating a data reproducing processing request packet that stores specifying data of the data for reproducing processing (data storage and data reproducing [0050], FIG. 5); and a packet transmitting step for transmitting the packets generated by the packet generating step (data transmitting method, and data transmitting packets [005], [006], [0018], [0087]).

As per claim 19, Miyoshi et al. teaches the data reproducing processing method according to claim 17 (data transmitting method [0001], and reproducing unit request command [0029]), characterized in that: said data reproducing processing method further comprises: a data recovery processing step (data storage and buffer units to recover data [0048]) for executing de-interleave

processing and FEC decoding processing (code transactions and synchronization [0086]); wherein said data recovery processing step executes the de-interleave processing and the FEC decoding processing for data for reproducing processing (a control and timer processing unit for carrying out code executing [0022]) extracted from a packet received from a node that receives the data reproducing processing request (reproducing processing request that start commands to record and reproduce [0029]), and recovers the data (data reproducing unit [0032]).

As per claim 21, Miyoshi et al. teaches a data processing method (recording command operating unit, [0027], and compare and swap method for writing or recording and reproducing data [0079]), for analyzing a data processing request (recording unit request command [0029]) received via a data reception unit (data reception and transmission between units [0037]), and for determining whether the data processing request is to be executed (processing executed [0046]), characterized by comprising: a rule decision processing step for determining whether data processing based on the data processing request is to be executed (See FIG. 5); and a data processing step for executing data processing based on the determination of the rule decision processing step (judgment unit to control changeover data [0051]), wherein; the rule decision processing step determines whether or not the processing according to the processing request is to be executed based on data for determination included (request packet or code line for description and designation of computers [0077],

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[0081], [0082]); in the data processing request received via the data reception unit (reception of device I/O control [0022]).

As per claim 22, Miyoshi et al. teaches the data processing method according to claim 21 (recording command operating unit, [0027], and compare and swap method for writing or recording and reproducing data [0079]), characterized in that: said data for determination (judgment unit to control changeover data [0051]), is a probability value that is a rule deciding condition descriptor included in the data processing request (request packet or code line for description and designation of computers [0077], [0081], [0082]); and said rule decision processing step (See FIG. 2) determines whether or not the processing according to the processing request is to be executed (operation execution application [0056]) in accordance with the probability value (See FIG. 9).

As per claim 23, Miyoshi et al. teaches the data processing method according to claim 21 (recording command operating unit, [0027], and compare and swap method for writing or recording and reproducing data [0079]), characterized in that: said data for determination is data processing request (judgment unit to control changeover data [0051]) storing data included in the data processing request (request packet or code line for description and designation of computers [0077], [0081], [0082]); and said rule decision processing step executes hash value calculation processing (See FIG. 10).based

on the data processing request storing data (temporarily data sorting [0054]), and determines whether or not processing according to the processing request is to be executed (operation execution application [0056]) according to a result of comparison between a calculated hash value and a setting value set in its own apparatus in advance (See FIG. 10).

As per claim 24, Miyoshi et al. teaches the data processing method according to claim 21 (recording command operating unit, [0027], and compare and swap method for writing or recording and reproducing data [0079]), characterized in that: said data for determination is data processing request storing data included in the data processing request (judgment unit to control changeover data [0051]); and said rule decision processing step executes hash value calculation processing (See FIG. 10) based on the data processing request storing data (request packet or code line for description and designation of computers [0077], [0081], [0082]);, and determines whether or not processing according to the processing request is to be executed (operation execution application [0056]) according to a result of comparison between a calculated hash value and a setting value set in its own apparatus in advance (See FIG. 10).

As per claim 25, Miyoshi et al. teaches a computer program (application software of the personal computer [0003]) for transmitting a data recording processing request (data transmitting method [0001], and recording unit request

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command [0029]) to a plurality of nodes connected to a network (connected to network to carry out communication [0006]) and for executing distributed data recording processing for the plurality of nodes (See FIG.3), characterized by comprising: a rule deciding condition setting step (the transmitting method includes steps for data detection [0007]) for setting data for determining whether the processing according to the processing request (recording unit request command [0029]) is to be executed in a node that receives the data recording processing request; a packet generating step (data generating unit [0052]) for storing the data for determination (temporarily data sorting [0054]) set by the rule deciding condition setting step, and for generating a data recording processing request packet that stores the data for recording processing (data stored data recording [0050]); and a packet transmitting step for transmitting the packets generated by the packet generating step (data generating unit [0052]).

As per claim 26, Miyoshi et al. teaches a computer program (application software of the personal computer [0003]) for transmitting a data reproducing processing request (data transmitting method [0001], and reproducing unit request command [0029]) to nodes connected to a network (connected to network to carry out communication [0006]) and for executing data reproducing processing based on return data (See FIG.3), characterized by comprising: a rule deciding condition setting step (the transmitting method includes steps for data detection [0007]) for setting data for determining whether the processing according to the processing request is to be executed in a node that receives the

data recording processing request (recording unit request command [0029]); a packet generating step (data generating unit [0052]) for storing the data for determination (temporarily data sorting [0054]) set by the rule deciding condition setting step, and for generating a data reproducing processing request packet that stores specifying data for data for reproducing processing (data stored data recording [0050]); and a packet transmitting step for transmitting the packets generated by the packet generating step (data generating unit [0052]).

As per claim 27, Miyoshi et al. teaches a computer program (application software of the personal computer [0003]) for analyzing a data processing request (unit software [0024], and device driver software for analyzing data [00056]) received via a data reception unit (reception of device I/O control [0022]), and for determining whether the data processing request is to be executed (operation execution application [0056]), characterized by comprising: a rule decision processing step (the transmitting method includes steps for data detection [0007]) for determining whether the data processing based on the data processing request is to be executed; and a data processing step (See FIG. 1) for executing the data processing based on the determination of the rule decision processing step (judgment unit to control changeover data [0051]), wherein; the rule decision processing step determines whether or not the processing according to the processing request is to be executed based on data for determination included (request packet or code line for description and

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designation of computers [0077], [0081], [0082]) in the data processing request received via the data reception unit (reception of device I/O control [0022]).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim(s) 2, 4, 6, 8, 14, 16, 18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyoshi et al. Pub. (US. No. 2003/0179861 A1) as applied to claim(s) 1, 5, 13 and 17 respectively above, and further in view of Guha Patent (US. No. 5,699,369).

Regarding claims 2, 6, 14, and 18 Miyoshi et al. teaches all of the claimed limitation and further teaches a configuration to execute setting processing and further teaches a description of recording and request processing but does not teach the use of a probability value and assigning 'alpha' and 'beta' to get the processing to execute. However, Guha teaches a probability method that assigns 'alpha' and 'beta' to get the connects services application points and to approximate forward error correction (Col. 21, Line 9).

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Miyoshi et al, by the teaching of Guha. Because using a probability value 'alpha', 'beta' or any other value to set up a method of calculation and execution to processors would be the same idea even though the letters assigned might be different, it would still be an output based on a probability value (Col. 21, Line 20). One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to make this modification because Guha further provides the advantage of increasing the reliability of communication in network (Col. 9, Lines 44-49).

Regarding claims 4, 8, 16, and 20 Miyoshi et al. teaches all of the claimed limitation and further teaches a calculation method for configuring and executing processors and further teaches using the blocks to have the outcome but does not teach the relationships between blocks that would be able to be calculated from a returned probability value and does not specify assigning 'alpha' and 'beta' to get the method calculated. However, Guha teaches a probability method that assigns 'alpha' and 'beta' and further teaches the relationships between the assigned values to approximate the forward error correction (Col. 22, Line 15).

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Miyoshi et al, by the teaching of Guha. Because using a probability value 'alpha', 'beta' or any other value to set up a method of calculation and execution 'Forward Error Correction' to processors would be the same idea even though the letters assigned are different, it would still be an output based on a

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probability value wherein the communication network uses adaptive forward error correction having a n optimal block erasure correction scheme. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to make this modification because Guha further provides the advantage of increasing the reliability of communication in network (Col. 9, Lines 44-49).

Conclusion

The following prior art made of record and not relied upon is cited to establish the level of skill in the applicant's art and those arts considered reasonably pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See **MPEP 707.05(c)**.

The following are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor of messaging systems

- Ito et al. (US Patent 6,085,019)
- Tabuchi et al. (US Patent No. 7,016,598 B2)
- Muramatsu et al. (US Patent No. 6,522,829 B1)
- Miyawaki et al. (US Patent No. 6,301,432 B2)

The examiner requests, in response to this Office action, support should be shown for language added to any original claims on amendment and any new claims. That is, indicate support for newly added claim language by specifically pointing to page(s) and line(s) in the specification and/or drawing figure(s). This will assist the examiner in prosecuting the application.

When responding to this office action, Applicant is advised to clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present, in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited or the objections made. He or she must also show how the amendments avoid such references or objections See 37 CFR 1.111(c).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Abdelnabi O. Musa whose telephone number is 571-2701901. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday Thru Friday: 7:30am to 5:00pm (EST).


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Pwu can be reached on 571-2726798. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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